

29 SEP 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION :

FROM :

Deputy Director of Security
Personnel Security and Investigations

SUBJECT : Request from Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug

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1. Reference is made to a 20 September 1976 letter from Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug (OLC 76-2734) which you forwarded to this Office on 28 September 1976 and which pertains to actions by an unidentified individual who claimed to be an official of the Agency.

2. Cited letter indicates that an individual identifying himself as a CIA official allegedly contacted Mr. Max Willocks, then Assistant Director of Services for the University of Syracuse Library, to inquire "what library books" one William [redacted] a resident of Syracuse, New York, had been using. A thorough search of the appropriate indices within the Directorate of Administration failed to disclose any identifiable files and/or information concerning either Mr. Willocks nor [redacted]

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3. Congresswoman Abzug's letter inquires as to the Agency's policy concerning the questioning of "American libraries" as to the reading habits of their users and asks for a detailed summary of all other occasions in which representatives of the Agency have made such requests of "American libraries" during the last four years. This Office is not aware of any instance wherein an attempt has been made by an Office of Security employee (or any other Agency employee for that matter) to determine an individual's reading habits by questioning employees of a library.

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4. While there is no specific Agency policy in this regard, the Office of Security's past and present practices in the conduct of appropriate investigative activities pursuant to Executive Orders 10450 and 11905 would not include attempts to determine an individual's reading habits by questioning library officials.



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